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Other attempts have been made to provide ventilation in garage doors by cutting out portions of the garage door assemblies and installing windows in the existing panels. Such an arrangement is disclosed in U. S. Patent 5,497,588. Although
5 this is a workable arrangement it is not necessarily desirable because it can be costly.

DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

A ventilation apparatus is provided for mounting in a garage door. The ventilation apparatus is provided with a
10 rectangular shaped base support member having an opening formed therein. A first rectangular shaped tracking member having an opening formed therein is aligned in first portions of the opening in the base member. The ventilation apparatus is also provided with a first transparent member which is coupled
15 in the opening in the first tracking member. A second rectangular shaped tracking member having an opening formed therein is aligned in second portions of the opening in the base support member. A second transparent member is mounted for slidable movement in the opening in the second tracking
20 member. This allows the second transparent member to be moved to a position to cover the second portions of the opening in the base member as well as moved to a position so that the

second portions of the opening in the base member are uncovered.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

5 The details of the invention will be described in connection with the accompanying drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a garage including a garage door ventilation apparatus illustrated in a garage door in accordance with the principles of the invention.

10 Figure 2 is a front plain view of a garage door ventilation apparatus in accordance with the principles of the invention.

Figure 3 is a front plain view of a garage door ventilation apparatus with a screen member removed in accordance with the principles of the invention.

15 Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view taken along line 3-3 of Figure 3.

Figure 5 is a front plain view illustrating a second embodiment of a garage door ventilation apparatus in accordance with the principles of the invention.

20 Figure 6 is a cross sectional view taken along line 5-5 of Figure 5.

BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

Referring to Figure 1 there is shown, a garage, generally designated, by the numeral 10, including a garage door, generally designated, by the numeral 12. The garage door 12 is slidably mounted in a well known manner in a garage door opening (shown covered). The garage door 12 is provided with a plurality of panels 14, 16, 18 and 20. A handle 22 for facilitating raising and lowering the garage door 12 is formed on the panel 18. A pair of ventilation panels, generally designated, by the numeral, 26 are horizontally aligned and coupled in the garage door panel 14 of the garage door 12 in openings 28 formed therein.

As illustrated in Figures 2,3 and 4 the ventilation panel 26 is provided with a support or frame assembly member, generally designated, by the numeral, 30. The frame member 30 is provided with a first rectangular planar shaped frame member generally designated, by the numeral 32. The planar shaped member 32 is provided with an upper horizontally extending member 34 and a spaced lower horizontally extending member 36. The planar shaped member 32 is also provided with a

vertically extending member 38 coupled between each end of the horizontally extending members 34 and 36 thereby forming a frame opening, generally designated, by the numeral, 40 therebetween.

5 The frame assembly 30 is also provided with a second rectangular shaped frame member generally designated, by the numeral 42. The second frame member 42 is provided with an upper horizontally extending member 44 and a space lower horizontally extending member 46. The second frame member
10 42 is also provided with a vertically extending member 48 coupled between the horizontally extending members 44 and 46 at each end thereof. The spaced horizontally extending members 44 and 46 are aligned adjacent to a corresponding one of the horizontally extending members 34 and 36, respectively, and is
15 coupled thereto to extend perpendicularly therefrom. Additionally the vertically extending members 48 are aligned adjacent to a corresponding one of the vertically extending members 38 and are coupled thereto to extend perpendicularly therefrom. As a result, the frame member 42 is perpendicular
20 coupled to the frame member 32 so that it extends perpendicularly therefrom into the opening 40.

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intermediate vertically extending member 74 (Fig. 3) is coupled
to extend between the tracks 68 and 70 at an intermediate
portion thereof and an end member 76 is coupled to extend
between the horizontal tracks at one end thereof to form
5 window frame 78 in a second portion of the frame opening 40.

The frame 78 is the same size as the frame 54. A window 82 is
coupled in the window frame 78 and the frame is slidably
mounted in the frame 56 so that the window 82 can be
selectively moved to fully or partially cover the second portions
10 of the frame opening 40 thereby providing ventilation into the
garage 10 as desired. The window 82 may be made, for
example, of glass or plexiglass. A window locking member,
generally designated, by the numeral, 84 having locking portions
86 and 88 which lockingly engage each other in a well known
15 manner is provided to lockingly securing the window 82 in
place. The ventilation panel 26 may also be provided with a
screen member 90 (Figs. 1 and 2) which can be removably
secured in the frame in a well known manner to cover the
windows 66 and 82 when desired.

20 The ventilation panel 26 is also provided with a plurality
of coupling members 91 formed on the horizontal and vertical

frame members 34 and 36. The coupling members 91 are provided to couple the panel 26 to the garage door panel 14 of the garage door and may be, for example be rivets or some other well known screw and/or bolting assembly.

5 Referring to Figures 5 and 6, a second embodiment of the ventilation panel 26 is provided with a frame assembly, generally designated, by the numeral, 92. The frame assembly 92 is provided with a first rectangular planar shaped frame member, generally designated, by the numeral, 94. The planar
10 shaped member 94 is provided with an upper horizontally extending member 96 and a spaced lower horizontally extending member 98. The planar shaped member 92 is also provided with a vertically extending member 100 coupled between each end of the horizontally extending members 96 and 98 thereby forming a
15 frame opening 102. The frame assembly 92 is provided with a second rectangular shaped frame member, generally designated, by the numeral, 104. The second frame member 104 is provided with an upper horizontally extending member 106 and a spaced lower horizontally extending member 108. The frame member
20 104 is also provided with a vertically extending member 110 coupled between the horizontally extending members 96 and 98 at each end thereof. The frame assemblies 104 and 92 are

which couple the panel to the garage door panel of the garage door 12.

The invention has been shown and described in what is considered to be the most practical and preferred embodiment.

5 However, it should be recognized that changes may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

a second pair of spaced aligned horizontally extending members, each one of the second pair of horizontally extending members being perpendicularly coupled to one of the first pair of horizontally extending members; and

a second pair of spaced vertically extending members,
each one of the second pair of vertically extending members
being perpendicularly coupled to one of the first pair of vertically
extending members.

5. A ventilation apparatus as defined in Claim 4 wherein the first tracking member includes:

a first pair of spaced aligned horizontally extending
tracks each one of the tracks being coupled to one of the second
15 horizontally extending members; and

a first pair of spaced aligned vertically extending tracks
one of the vertically extending tracks being coupled between
each outermost end portion of the pair of horizontally extending
tracks on an adjacent one of the second pair of spaced vertically
extending members.

11. A ventilation apparatus as defined in Claim 10 wherein the base support member includes:

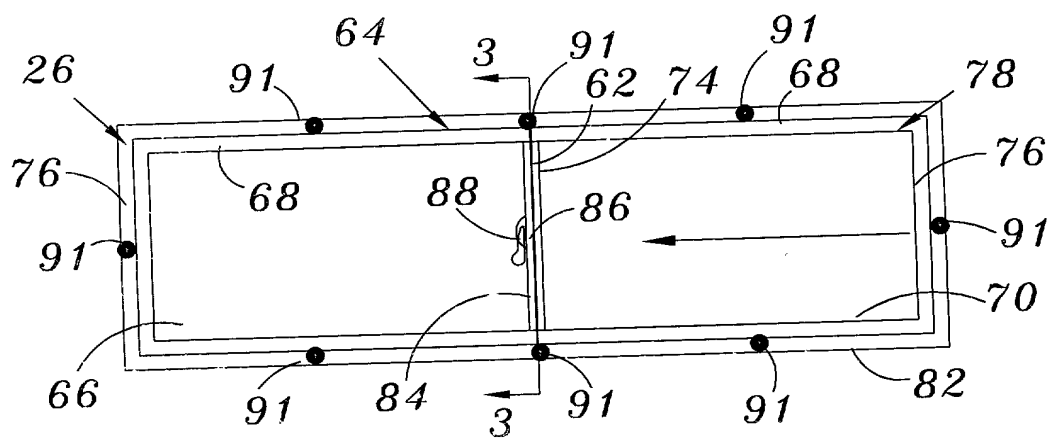
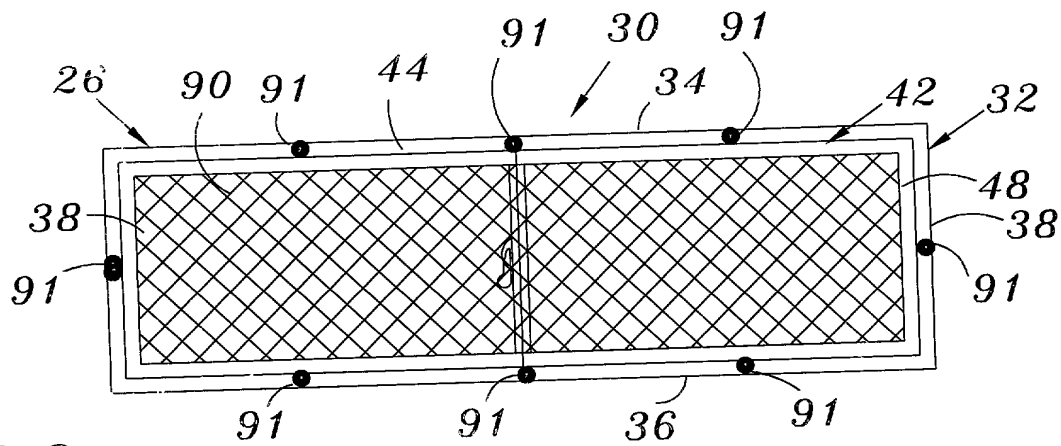
a first pair of spaced aligned horizontally extending members;

5 a first pair of spaced aligned vertically extending member, one of the vertically extending members being coupled between each end portion of the pair of horizontally extending members so that an opening in the base support member is formed therebetween; and

10 an intermediate vertically extending member coupled between intermediate portions of the pair of spaced horizontally extending members so that the opening formed between the pair of horizontally extending and vertically extending members is provided with a first and a second portion.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A ventilation apparatus 26 is provided for mounting in a garage 10 door. The ventilation apparatus is provided with a rectangular shaped base support member 30 having an opening 40 formed therein. A first rectangular shaped tracking member 54 is aligned in first portions of the opening 40 in the base member 30. The ventilation apparatus 26 is also provided with a first transparent member 66 which is coupled in the first tracking member 54. A second rectangular shaped tracking member 56 is aligned in second portions of the opening 40 in the base support member 30. A second transparent member 82 is mounted for slidable movement in the second tracking member 56. This allows the second transparent member 82 to be moved to a position to cover the second portions of the opening 40 in the base member 30 as well as be moved to a position so that the second portions of the opening in the base member are uncovered.



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